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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Application of:

Joseph C. Eder et al.

Serial No.: 10/716,641

Filed: November 18, 2003

For: APPARATUS FOR MIXING AND
DISPENSING A MULTI-
COMPONENT BONE CEMENT

Group Art Unit: 1723

Confirmation No.: 7680

Examiner: Tony Glen Soohoo

March 21, 2006

AMENDMENT AND RESPONSEMail Stop Amendment
Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

This paper is submitted in response to the non-final Office Action mailed December 21, 2005, and therefore this paper is timely filed within the three-month shortened statutory deadline. Applicant believes that no fee is required by the filing of the Amendment and Response. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees associated with this submission or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 50-1105. Applicant believes that no fee is required by the filing of this Amendment and Response.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 3 of this submission.

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